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INDONESIAN ARMY STARTS A NEW CAMPAIGN OF TERROR IN DILI, THE CAPITAL OF EAST TIMOR.

According to information received from East Timor the Bishop's Belo departure, on 9th of current month, in a working visit to the Vatican, and the powerless presence of the International Red Cross, in Dili, is giving the Indonesian army the best chance to unleash a big offensive against the East Timorese people, who had organized a pro-FRETILIN demonstration, on 4th September of this year, in favour of self-determination and independence.

The Indonesian occupation forces have, so far, arrested 80 people, about 50 of them were deported to the district of Liquica and the rest were apparently kept in Dili.

On the other hand, the Indonesian army has organized small groups of their soldiers, disguised as Timorese civilians, armed with hand guns and knives, to move around Dili, in taxis or on foot, to bash or kill every East-Timorese who dares to be out doors after 7.30 p.m. .

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For instance, on 10th of this month, at approximately 7.30 p.m., 12 Indonesians soldiers, disguised as Timorese civilians, killed, by stabbing, Domingos Mau Radi, 30 yrs old, of Santa Cruz, in front of the Chinese School, in Dili, then they left the area in two taxis.

On following day, 11th September, Aleixo Laca, 22 yrs old, and 25 of his school mates were arrested and tortured at indonesian police station "POLORES", next door to the former city market building; they all were kept in a water tank and accused of killing Domingos Mau Radi, the previous night.

On 19th September, at approximately 8.00 p.m., a group of 25 indonesians soldiers, again disguised as Timoreso civilians, armed with pistols and knives, stormed a kiosk at Matadouro, Fato Meta, a place where usually small groups of young East-Timorese use to meet. However, at this time, all the youngsters managed to escape.

On the following day, 20th of this current month, the Indonesian police went to the Kiosk and arrested Agostinho Pereira, 21 yrs old, a "SMA" student at the "Saint Joseph Day-School". He was interrogated and tortured on the spot and then, taken away. So Far his where abouts is unknown.

The International Red Cross has been informed of this and other events, by the families and relatives of the victims, but has done very little to protect the people's well being.

- For futher information please contact Alfredo Ferreira, FRETILIN'S Representative for Australia on 089 279177 after 2.30 p.m.